

House Resolution No. 390

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome the opportunity to recognize those individuals who have wholeheartedly dedicated themselves to protecting the lives and welfare of their fellow citizens; and

Whereas, Steve Eden, Assistant Fire Chief of the Camdenton Fire Department, is to be commended for his role in saving the life of a man who suffered cardiac arrest during a residential fire on November 23, 2002; and

Whereas, Assistant Fire Chief Eden and the Camdenton Fire Department responded to assist the Mid-County Fire Protection District at the scene of a structural fire at a rental home owned by Bill Bleck; and

Whereas, as Assistant Fire Chief Eden approached the scene, he and another firefighter witnessed Mr. Bleck collapse from what they initially thought was contact with loose wires from arcing electrical lines; and

Whereas, Assistant Chief Eden and the other firefighter quickly determined that Mr. Bleck was in cardiac arrest and immediately began to administer CPR before utilizing the ambulance's Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to regain a pulse; and

Whereas, after several attempts to regain a pulse, Mr. Bleck began to breathe on his own as the ambulance took him to a landing zone where he boarded the Staff for Life helicopter, which flew him to Boone Hospital in Columbia; and

Whereas, because of Assistant Chief Eden's quick response, Mr. Bleck suffered no long-term damage to his heart and was able to return home the day before the Thanksgiving holiday:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Assistant Fire Chief Steve Eden for his efforts in saving the life of Bill Bleck, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to dedicate himself to protecting the lives of those he has vowed to serve; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Camdenton Assistant Fire Chief, Steve Eden.

Offered by _____
Representative Wayne Cooper
District No. 155

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 390, adopted February 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker